

Youthful Drivers

Table 34 shows the collisions involving drivers age 15 to 19. In 2001, youthful driver collisions represented 27% of all collisions. In 2001, drivers age 15-19 represented 8% of the licensed drivers; yet youthful drivers represented 18% of drivers in all collisions and 16% of drivers in fatal and serious injury collisions.

Table 34 Collisions Involving Youthful Drivers (15 to 19 Years Old): 1998-2001						
	1998	1999	2000	2001	Change 2000-2001	Avg. Change 1998-2000
Total Collisions	7,618	7,258	7,490	6,910	-7.7%	-0.8%
Fatalities	55	66	48	64	33.3%	-3.6%
Serious Injuries	540	463	437	431	-1.4%	-9.9%
Visible Injuries	1,804	1,632	1,665	1,456	-12.6%	-3.8%
Possible Injuries	2,451	2,382	2,341	2,164	-7.6%	-2.3%
Drivers 15-19 in Fatal & Serious Injury Collisions	467	395	399	368	-7.8%	-7.2%
% of all Drivers in Fatal & Serious Injury Collisions	18.3%	15.9%	16.0%	16.1%	0.2%	-6.0%
Licensed Drivers 15-19	77,712	77,943	79,353	69,812	-12.0%	1.1%
% of Total Licensed Drivers	8.8%	8.7%	8.9%	7.7%	-12.8%	0.4%
Driver Involvement Rate*	2.07	1.82	1.81	2.07	14.9%	-6.5%
Teen Drivers in Fatal Crashes	51	64	47	51	8.5%	-0.5%
Impaired Teen Drivers in Fatal Crashes	9	11	8	12	50.0%	-2.5%
% of Youthful Drivers Involved in Fatal Crashes that were Impaired	17.6%	17.2%	17.0%	23.5%	38.2%	-1.8%
<i>*The Driver Involvement Rate is the percent of drivers involved in fatal and serious injury collisions divided by percent of licensed drivers. Over-representation occurs when the value is greater than 1.0.</i>						

In 2001, the economic cost of collisions involving youthful drivers was \$403 million dollars. This represents 26% of the total cost of collisions in 2001 (as shown in Table 4).